App. No. 10/709,449 Response to Office action

## **REMARKS**

Favorable consideration of this Response and Amendment is respectfully requested. Claims 2, 4-7, 9, 11, and 12 are currently amended, claims 1 and 8 have been cancelled, and claims 3 and 10 are currently unchanged. Claims 2-7 and 9-12 are presented for consideration by way of the present Response and Amendment.

In the Office action dated February 26, 2003, the Examiner rejected claims 1-5 and 11, objected to claims 6 and 7, and allowed claims 8-10 and 12. The Applicant's thank the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter. The Applicant's have amended the objected and rejected claims to overcome the present rejections and objections as shown in the **Amendments to the Claims**.

Specifically, claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, due to double inclusion of a claimed element. This error has been corrected as shown in the listing of claims provided in the **Amendments to the Claims**.

Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102, as being anticipated by Smith. However, the Examiner indicated that claim 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Claim 6 has been rewritten to include the limitations of claim 1. Accordingly, this claim should be in condition for allowance.

In view of the amendments and remarks presented herein, it is respectfully submitted that the claims as amended are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. The Applicants kindly request that the Examiner call the attorneys of record in the event a telephone discussion would be helpful in advancing the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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